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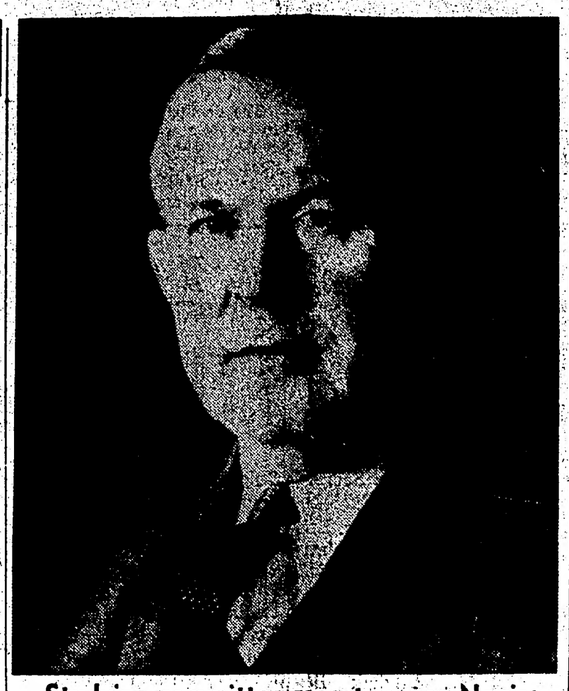
HATE LAW NOW UP TO OTTAWA

JEWISH COMMUNITY NOW EXPECTS QUICK MOVE

OTTAWA (CJN) — The Jewish community of Canada, as well as all groups interested in the final formulation and passing of an anti-Nazi law in this country, this week learned with relief that the first step — the report of the Maxwell Cohen committee on dissemination of hatred — is ready and has been submitted to the Prime Minister's office. Though, at this writing (Tuesday morning), there is no lead as to the exact recommendations formulated by Dr. Maxwell Cohen and his committee, there is no doubt here that the main point would be the suggestion for adopting legal measures against the dissemination of hatred.

This committee was appointed last year. On the eve of the elections, the Prime Minister stated that he was awaiting the recommendation of the Cohen committee in order to consider legal steps against the neo-Nazi underground.



Studying committee report on neo-Nazis: The Rt. Hon. Lester B. Pearson, Prime Minister of Canada.

DIRECT FROM NEW AUSCHWITZ TRIAL

NAZI CRIMINALS ARE HIDING HERE

EUROPEANS AMAZED BY AMERICAN INDIFFERENCE

Frankfort on the Main (Exclusive to The Canadian Jewish News). — The second Auschwitz trial against murderers of our people in the infamous extermination camp began here this week And as the trial progresses, many within the liberal West German community, also noted leaders in the different anti-Nazi resistance movements, ask: why do a number of notorious killers of World War II enjoy freedom, even prosperity, in North America?

M. J. Nurenberger, C.J.N. editor, wires from Frankfort that leading jurists are particularly interested in why the Jewish community in Canada and the larger community in the United States do not institute for the investigation of Nazi murderers in Canada. German liberals and former resistance leaders in such countries as Belgium, Holland, France and Italy are grateful for the campaign in the Western world which, they say, greatly influenced the Bonn government in extending the statute of limitations regarding hitlerite murderers.

However, they want to know, why should these communities not demand justice vis-a-vis Nazi gangsters openly at large in Canada?

There is a feeling in Europe, the report continues, that some Jewish leaders find it more convenient to pressure for justice against Nazi criminals away from home. In their own countries they like the peace and quiet of letting by-gones be by-gones even though gangsters with unquestionable records are prospering in their own communities.

Some directly involved in locating Nazis who had escaped to North America claim that, next to Argentina, Canada is a haven for many Nazis guilty of murder. Now that the Auschwitz trial has reopened in Frankfort, liberal public opinion in Europe may demand that at least some attention be paid to the Nazis at large in those countries.

Furthermore, leaders of Jewish communities cannot understand the silence of their counterpart in North America who, they say, seem to be afraid of speaking up in public and demanding that Nazis be tried. They note that the easiest way out for a Nazi criminal like Bruger, the Auschwitz monster whose trial began this week here, is to escape to North America where no one among the Jewish community and liberals in general even would consider "persecuting him".

The three mass murderers on trial here are Wilhelm Bruger, Josef Herber, Gerhardt Neubert.

Neubert is accused of having "selected" the victims for the ovens; Herber "specialized" in sending women to their death; Bruger controled the infamous gas used in the crematoria.

All three, like many others living freely in North America, till recently conducted normal family life until the German Institute which specializes in unearthing Nazi criminals caught up with them.

DENMARK JEWRY SPLIT ON RABBI

COPENHAGEN, (JCNS) Not for the first time is the Chief Rabbi of Denmark, Rabbi Marcus Melchior, the center of a storm which has spread outside the Jewish community and involved Danish opinion at large. The last time, in 1962, it revolved around the Chief Rabbi's break with the Zionist Federation after he had denounced the view of Mr. Ben-Gurion, then visiting Denmark, that it was only possible to live a really Jewish life in Israel.

This time it concerns Dr. Melchior's acceptance of the Grand Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany. It was to express appreciation of this award, made last month, that the Chief Rabbi visited President Luebke in Bonn last week.

Defending his acceptance of the Grand Cross on Danish television, the Chief Rabbi said that if he could bring back to life any one of those killed by the Nazis, he would not have accepted the award. The greatest crime would be to forget what had happened, he declared, but an attitude of unforgivingness was wrong politics and could only work against the democratic forces of Germany, as had been the case after 1914.

In the discussion which followed in the press and elsewhere, Dr. Melchior, 68, was both severely attacked and strongly defended. Many distinguished Danes, including the Minister for Church Affairs, took his side.

The forthcoming issue of the Danish Jewish monthly journal will contain a statement by the President of the Board of Representatives of Danish Jewry, Leo Fisher, expressing disagreement with the Chief Rabbi's acceptance of the German order. It will also contain a reply by Dr. Melchior in which he says that he always has acted for the benefit of the community.

CONFLICT ON ARGENTINA

NEW YORK, (JCNS) The American Jewish Committee and B'nai B'rith have denie demphatically the validity of complaints reportedly voiced by Argentine Jewish leaders that they have sought to organise projects in Latin America that were not requested by, oriented to or directed by the local communities. These complaints were reportedly voiced by leaders of the Kehillah an dDaia, the main representative bodies of Argentine Jewry, to a visiting mission of the American Jewish Committee, said in an official statement here that the organisation's first program had been launched in 1948 at the request of the Argentine community leaders and conducted "in close partnership with autonomous "sister" organisations there and in Brazil. The "keynote" of the A.J.C. program, he continued, was "co-operation", with the Committee serving primarily as an "adviser" to local groups who run their own affairs, and the projects were "conducted almost entirely by native-born citizens" and "carefully geared" to local needs.

William A. Wexler, president of B'nai B'rith, said that his organisation's recently launched aid program for the establishment of human relations projects in Latin America was "initiated at the request of the Latin American district of B'nai B'rith." It will be "locally planned and locally directed by Latin Americans" through the organisation's affiliates, he said.

Vase from Maccabean times commemorating Hasmonean victory. The event is remembered on Hanuka, which begins Saturday night and continues through Sunday, December 26th. The Canadian Jewish News Magazine, containing Special Features and Greetings, will appear next week.

RETRACT RABBI'S AWARD BECAUSE OF VIET NAM STAND

NEW YORK, (JCNS) A group of American ex-Servicemen who had designated a rabbi for a "Good Government" award withdrew it when they learned that he had been a sponsor of the peace march in Washington on November 27.

Rabbi Roland B. Gittelsohn, a former national chaplain of the Jewish War Veterans of America and spiritual leader of Temple Israel in Boston, who was to have received the award from the Crosscup-Pishon Post of the American Legion, accused the Post of rejecting "true Americanism". He said that "the claim that patriotism at all times demands an uncritical acceptance of Government policy is characteristic of a distatorship, not a democracy."

The award was to have been given, in addition, to Bishop Anson Phelps Stokes, Jr., of the Episcopal diocese of Massachusetts, and to Cardinal Richard Cushing, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston. On learning of the Post's action, Bishop Stokes announced that he would not accept his honor. He said, in a letter to the Legionnaires, that although he had declined to endorse the purposes of the peace march, "I do feel the Americans have a right to express themselves in an orderly manner and that patriotic Americans should defend that right."

Cardinal Cushing said he would accept the award. "This is American Legion business," he declared. "This has nothing to do with me."

A number of other clergymen, Catholic and Protestant, as well as rabbis, thought otherwise and have protested to the Legion Post.

Soviet Honors Jewry Hero

LONDON, (JCNS) Michael Haft, a Jew from Kovno (Lithuania), is among six persons awarded a Russian State medal for their part in the French underground fight against the Nazis during the war.

The award was made in the name of the presidium of the Supreme Council of the U.S.S.R.

PROMOTED

JOHANNESBURG (JCNS) — The only Jewish police officer in South Africa has been promoted to the rank of Lieut.-Colonel. He is Mr. Alfred Edelstein, born in Griqualand West, who joined the police force in 1936 as a uniformed constable.

During the war Mr. Edelstein served with the South African contingent in North Africa.

PROTEST BONN ACTION

TEL AVIV — A protest against the West German Government's decision to postpone or reduce some restitution payments was made to Bonn's Ambassador in Israel this week by a three-member delegation from the various East European immigrants' associations here.

Two weeks ago, the West German Upper House ratified a proposal by the Bonn Government to cut expenditures under the Budget, which would have the effect, 'inter alia', of postponing payments from a 'hardship fund' to victims of Nazism who were unable to leave Eastern Europe before October, 1953.

This was the time limit set for applications for restitution, and the "hardship fund" was set up in order to make possible some kind of payment to people unable to make claims for restitution because they were still in Eastern Europe.

According to the West German Embassy, Dr. Rolf Pauls, the Ambassador, listened to the views of the delegation "with sympathy' and reported them to his Government. The delegation was headed by Mr. Itzhak Korn, a former Deputy Finance Minister.

Cables of protest were also sent by the immigrant associations concerned to Chancellor Erhard, Herr Dahlgruen, the West German Finance Minister, and Dr. Gerstenmaier, the president of the West German Parliament.

It is esltimated that between 80,000 and 100,000 people in Israel alone will be unfavourably affected by the West German Budget cuts.

BRAZIL COMMUNITY JOINS MOVE

RIO DE JANEIRO (JCNS). — The Confederation of Brazilian Jewish communities has protested to the West German Ambassador at Bonn's decision to cut restitution payments because of budget difficulties.

Israel Incensed

NEW CAIRO MOSCOW DEAL

PARIS (Exclusive to The Canadian Jewish News). Israeli officials in all Western capitals informed the respective governments this week that new Russian arms-deliveries to Cairo have created the most explosive situation in the Middle East since the Sinai crisis. Washington also has been given similar information, according to diplomatic circles here.

The facts about the latest arms shipments by Moscow to Cairo, as learned by this newspaper, are:

● A powerful Russian military delegation arrived in Cairo at the end of last month for talks with the Egyptian Government.

● It negotiated an increase in Russian military aid to Cairo. It may also be intended to remind the whole of Africa of Russia's interest and presence on the continent.

● The visit comes as a surprise to Western observers in view of President Nasser's official visit to Moscow in September. On that occasion he declared himself "satisfied" with the extent of Russian military aid.

● The delegates are clearly carrying out much more than a purely courtesy visit. They are all leading and active military planners.

● Led by Marshal Andrei Grechko, Russian First Deputy Minister of Defence, the delegation included Air Marshal Rudenko, Deputy Commander of the Russian Air Force, and Adml. Sergeyev, Russian Chief of Naval Staff.

Also among the delegates, but less publicised, was Col.-Gen. Mikhail Nikitin, believed to be the new head of Russian military intelligence.

The importance of the visit was underlined by the seniority of the officers who saw it off from Moscow.

Contradict Nasser's Amicable Expressions

These revelations are in absolute contrast to Nasser's expressed "admiration" for the American people when he hailed Washington's new shipment of wheat to Cairo on November 25th.

Gamal Abdel Nasser then expressed "recognition" for the development and drive of the American people and said United Arab Republic relations with the United States had shown a "great improvement" since the crisis at the beginning of the year.

In the 90-minute speech to his so-called parliament, Mr. Nasser attributed this crisis to differences over Israel but added "the two sides have exerted important efforts to ease the tension" Relations between the two countries should be based on "mutual understanding and mutual esteem," he said.

In deal to promote Mid-East trouble. - From left to right, Russian Prime Minister Kossygin and Egyptian President Nasser.

VOWS PUNISHMENT

LONDON, (JCNS) Those Nazis against whom a strong case for complicity in war crimes can be made out will not escape the consequences of murder, even if the German statute of limitation is not extended beyond its present time limit of December 31, 1969.

This is the belief of Herr Guenter Rempp, one of the 30 prosecutors at the Central Office for the Investigation of Nazi Crimes at Ludwigsburg, West Germany.

Herr Rempp said that he thought he and his colleagues would be able to complete the task af establishing "prima facie" cases and instituting criminal proceedings within the remaining four years, provided they received the cooperation of those East European States on whose territory the crimes were committed.

"Our office has to rely in many cases on documents and eye-witnesses from the Soviet Union and the East European countries,' 'he said. "So far we have had full cooperation only from Poland; the others have helped occasionally."

Herr Rempp, 33 and a lawyer by profession, discarded his private practice (as well as another government job) to volunteer for the Central Office of Investigation of Nazi Crimes and Criminals. He is the son of a Lutheran pastor.

Herr Rempp came to London to undertake research at the Wiener Library and at the library of a group of Baltic survivors in preparation for a series of mass trials of criminals concerned in the extermination of Jews in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

• Commentary •
By M. J. Nurenberger

HANUKAH: LIGHTS OF RESISTANCE

STRASBOURG, France . "These tiny lights" — whether diffused by oil or by candle — indeed tell stories of the past, in the popular expression of the Yiddish poet. Yet the Hanukah candle or the Menorah are not only reminders of the distant past to which Morris Rosenfeld referred; they apply to more recent — more ominous — events of the long night which descended over Europe in 1933 and did not end till the spring of 1945.

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Several days ago, I spent the afternoon in the little town of this unique European border-area near Basle where three countries meet: Germany, Switzerland and France.

An old friend took me for an interview with a humble, Alsatian peasant, a man who, up to this day, has no desire for the publicity due him (as we in North America think). Hans (not his real name) forbids his Jewish friend—whom he saved and harbored from the Nazis in those days — to become implicated in ceremonies making him (Hans) a celebrity.

Telling this farmer all about those in Israel who were honored among "righteous Gentiles" for their war roles is no enticement; he continues to resist all pressure. An old man resembling Dr. Albert Schweitzer (who also came from this area), he cannot comprehend why his long-time pal makes such a fuss about the few children he had rescued from the Nazis. This "ignorant" peasant expresses himself:

"Children are the bond between the past and the future; between the nothing and the everything; they also are the symbol of God's grace and goodness.

"When Leo (my Jewish friend) told me that the Nazis were running after his grandchildren, I decided to act fast. The parish priest helped and we transported them all to Switzerland.

"It was nothing. We peasants are not learned like city folk in Basle, Mulhouse or Strasbourg; we don't recognize manmade frontiers."

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Where does the Hanukah story come in?

Leo, an old man now, explained:

He and his family remained in Switzerland where Alsatian Jews have family ties. Since 1870, when many had emigrated there because of French patriotism so that they would not have to become Germans, a number settled in the country. They have remained orthodox, as is Leo.

"My grandchildren, whom Hans saved, were smuggled across the border on the first Hanukah night. I told Hans: 'When we reach the home of our Swiss relatives, we'll light the Menorah—symbol of resistance, of active, militant refusal to bow to tyranny.' And we did. After the candle was lit, I placed the Menorah on the windowsill according to the halakha of pirsumey nissa—proclaiming the miracle, for all neighbors to behold."

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"That day," Leo concluded, "Hans and I vowed that every year, upon the first Hanukah candle, we shall meet in the same town in Switzerland for the mitzva of proclaiming openly the wonder: that little men always will resist triumphantly the mighty tyrants. For what else is the light of Hanukah if not the light of resistance?"

SABRAS — NO PRICKLES

JERUSALEM, (JCNS) — Sabras without prickles are to be planted on a large scale in Galilee as hedges and on land otherwise unfit for agriculture, it was announced here last week. The fruit is of outstanding value as fodder for sheep and cattle.

Rich in vitamins and with high water content, its value in arid areas has been proved. A flock of sheep was recently fed for nine months on sabras without prickels, and was given no water to drink.

AT GRADUATION. - Mrs. Balfoura Gordon, chairman of General Studies, Associated Hebrew Schools, and Harold Dessen, chairman of the Associated Hebrew Schools' Board of Education, who will participate at the graduation exercises of the Junior Day High School.

Austria determined

WILL WIPE OUT ANTISEMITISM

NEW YORK. — Austria's two main parliamentary parties repudiate antisemitism and are determined to wipe it out, Dr. Josef Klaus, the Chancellor, told a deputation of the World Jewish Congress in New York this week before returning to Vienna.

The deputation met Dr. Klaus to express concern at recent evidence of antisemitism in Austria. Dr. Maurice Perlzweig, the director of the W.J.C's department of international affairs, pointed out that a number of people holding public office were either guity of antisemitism under the Nazis or were trying today to revive racial hostility.

Dr. Klauss replied that one professor, whose importance had been exaggerated in the press, had been suspended by his university.

He also said that a public relations officer of the Federal thatre administration, who wrote anti-Jewish articles during the Nazi period, had repudiated his past and now condemned antisemitism.

Other members of the deputation included Dr. Gerhard Riegner, Mr. Monty Jacobs and Dr. Natan Lerner.

VIENNA TRAGEDY

LONDON (JCNS) — At least 5,000 Jews from Vienna died a martyrs death in the Ghetto of Lodz, according to details now published. The first transport of Vienna Jews to Lodz took place late in November 1941. It was followed by others.

Among the notable personalities who died there were the editor of the "World", Dr. Oscar Rosenfeld, and the famous pianist Leopold Birkenfeld.

Politics in Israel

ESHKOL SICKNESS RELENTS ACTIVITY

TEL AVIV, (JCNS) — With Mr. Eshkol in hospital, political life in Israel came to a virtual standstill this week. Inter-party talks on the formation of a coalition Cabinet slowed down; the Knesset refrained from full-scale legislative activity; and negotiations for a new Histadrut coalition were also delayed since they too are linked with those for a government coalition.

Because Mr. Eshkol is likely to remain in hospital for longer than was originally anticipated, Mapai leaders are considering asking Mr. Pinhas Sapir, the Finance Minister, to conduct the talks with the other parties for the formation of a new government.

Mr. Sapir, who is scheduled to leave next week for the U.S.A. to attend the annual meeting of the Israel Bond Organisation and a meeting of the American Friends of the Technion, may therefore, be obliged to cancel his trip.

If he succeeds in bringing the negotiations to a successful conclusion (and Mrs. Golda Meir thinks he can) Mr. Eshkol then would present the new government to the Knesset after leaving hospital and before departing for convalescence.

Meanwhile, the physicians at the Hadassah Hospital are said to be evasive on the cause of Mr. Eshkol's illness.

to head the party's Secretariat.

Earlier yesterday Mr. Eshkol met with Ahdut Ha'avoda leaders Israel Galili and Yigal Allon. It is learned that Mr. Galili has decided not to enter the Cabinet, but that he is urging Mr. Eshkol to appoint Mr. Yitzhak Ben Aharon to a newly proposed Ministry of Economic Planning.

SOLOVEITCHIK SPEAKS

Meanwhile it is learned that NRP leaders have grown apprehensive about the impact here of statements in the U.S. by Rabbi Soloveitchik of Boston urging the religious party not to join the next Government. The religious leader, who has wide influence among NRP supporters, contends that the party's identification with a secularized Government has weakened its purpose and appeal, and cost it votes in the election.

SITUATION VERY CLEAR

TEL AVIV (JCNS) — With the opening last week of the sixth Knesset, Premier Levi Eshkol tendered the resignation of his government to President Shazar who is expected to consult party leaders on who should be invited to form a new Cabinet. Meanwhile, Mr. Eshkol's government is a foregone conclusion.

After tendering his resignation, Mr. Eshkol declined to tell the press when he thought his new coalition Cabinet would be ready to be presented to the Knesset. The Prime Minister's aides expected that inter-party negotiations would last about two weeks.

Unofficial talks between Mr. Eshkol's alignment and the other parties for the formation of a new coalition already have started. In addition to his former coalition partners, Mr. Eshkol also has started negotiations with Mapam and the Independent Liberals (the former Progressive Party). No contact with Rafi has been established, nor is it expected for the time being.

MEIR HEADS ALIGNMENT

TEL AVIV — The formation of a six-member Alignment Executive was announced by Mapai Secretary-General Reuven Barkatt at a meeting of the party's Secretariati here.

The Executive will be headed by Mrs. Golda Meir. The other two Mapai representatives will be Mayor Mordechai Namir of Tel Aviv and Mr. Barkatt.

Ahdut Ha'avoda is due to name its three member soon. Two of them are expected to be Mr. Israel Galili and Mr. Yigael Allon.

The Secretariat welcomed the decision of Mr. Pinhas Sapir to remain as Finance Minister in the next Government. They did so after Mr. Barkatt announced that Mr. Sapir had accepted the appeal by the five-member party appointments committee.

MAJOR CHANGES

Mapai sources confirmed yesterday that a series of far reaching changes would be made in the party's top personnel. Mr. Barkatt has already announced his intention of remaining only until January 1.

He is expected to be included in the new Cabinet, probably as Minister without Portfolio. The Mapai spokesman, Mr. Yosef Sarid, is also expected to leave Tel Aviv and transfer to Jerusalem to a senior post in the Prime Minister's Office. Another important job expected to be vacated shortly in Mapai is that of Mr. Lyova Eliav, party organization chief, who is vacating his post. He is expected to be named Deputy Minister in one of the economic ministries.

Mapai sources last night were optimistic about the prospects of Mrs. Meir acceding to the party's appeal

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FIRST TO BENEFIT FROM U.S. LAW

GENEVA, (JCNS) A Turkish Jew, Moise Multu, is the first Jewish immigrant to benefit from the stipulations of the new U.S., Immigration Law which entered into effect on December 1. Multu received his visa through the Hias office in Genoa, Italy. He will be reunited with his parents and brother who were resettled by Hias in Worcester, Massachusetts, in October, 1964.

He was unable to emigrate with his parents when his father's turn was reached under the Russian quota, under the old legislation.

According to the previous U.S. Immigration Law, Multu would have faced a protracted waiting period before he could join his family. This was only one of the many injustices which has been corrected by the new legislation.

A science graduate, Mr. Multu has specialised in mathematics and physics.

Senator Edward M. Kennedy, chairman of the Senate sub-committee on refugees and escapees, emphasised the importance of the new law in facilitating immigration into America and abolishing previous discriminatory legal requirements.

ADDRESSES ELECTION MEETING. - Dr. Joshua Prawer, former Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and head of the Department of History at the Hebrew University since 1958, is shown addressing the election meeting of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University. Seated at the head table, left to right: Judge Harry Waisberg, immediate past president; Mrs. John A. Sherman, a national vice president and honorary secretary of the Toronto Chapter; Dr. Ralph Halbert, president elect; Dr. Prawer; David E. Newman, Q.C., chairman of the nominating committee; Abe Silver, member of the executive who recently returned from attending the Hebrew University.

report from france

Jewish Students Are Confused; Problem Worries Leaders

PARIS — Students being the group from which a community's leaders, or most of them, are likely to come, their views and attitudes are of interest — and importance — in considering the future configuration of Jewry.

A survey of first-year Jewish students in Paris has revealed that many of them are confused about Judaism and their own identity with it.

For instance, although 72 per cent of them said that they would have their sons circumcised, only 48 per cent adduced religious grounds; the other 24 per cent said they would because they considered it "hygienic".

On the other hand, more than a third (36 per cent), asked what they thought of Jews who became converts to other faiths, said that this was the business of the individuals concerned. Fewer than half expressed strong disapproval.

What about religious observance? If the survey accurately mirrors the situation, 43 per cent of the students are not even "three-times-a-year Jews". They do not fast on Yom Kippur.

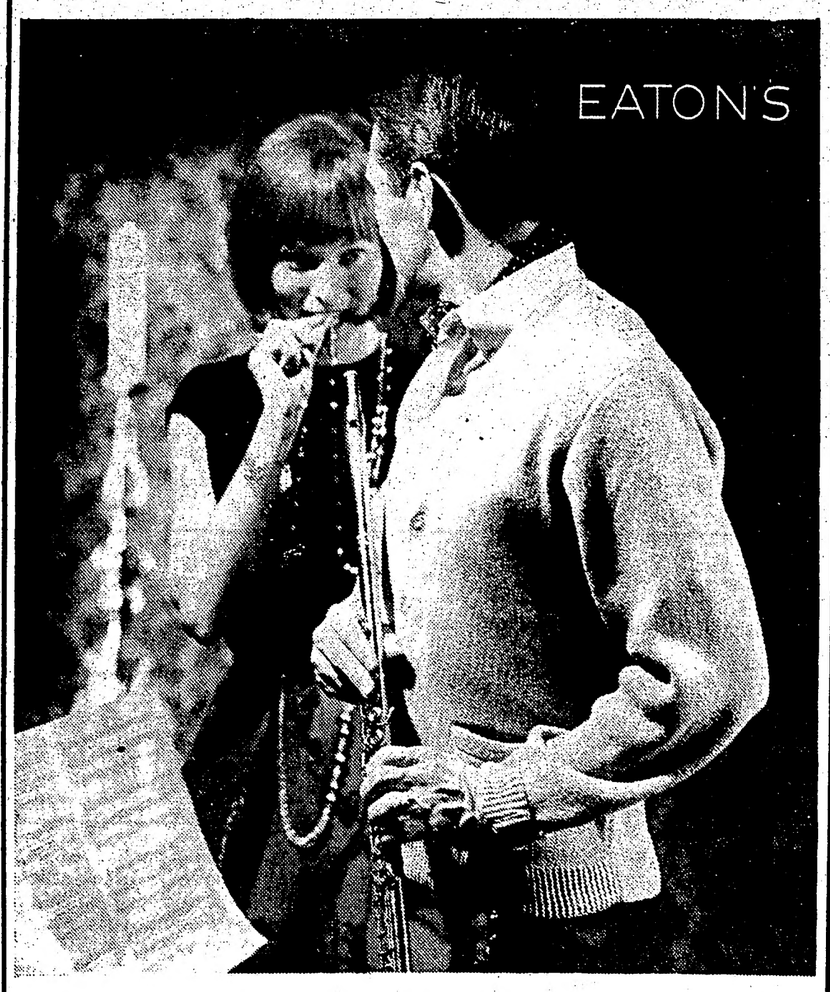
The answers to this particular question, broken down further ,showed the Ashkenazim were considerably less observant than the Sephardim. Of the former, 49 per cent fast on Yom Kippur. Their Sephardi colleagues returned a figure of 65 per cent.

France's 500,000 Jews are almost equally divided between Ashkenazim and Sephardim, but the age structure of the two groups is disparate.

The Ashkenazim who would have been in the 20 to 40 age group were almost wiped out by the Nazis, so that today, 20 years after the end of the war, French Ashkenazi Jewry consists very largely of the over-forties and teenagers.

The age structure of the Sephardim is normal, a fact which is borne out by a look at an average fortnight's marriages — 38 in all — in Paris synagogues. It should be remembered that many French Jews do not marry in synagogue, so the picture may be slightly different from that given by considering only synagogue marriages.

What they show is that, out of the 38 marriages, 21 were of Sephardi couples, and only six Ashkenazi. Of the remaining eleven, three Sephardi men took Ashkenazi brides, and eight Ashkenazi bridegrooms married Sephardi wives.



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FRANCE AND QUEBEC

A few days before the French presidential election, two leading Quebec Cabinet Ministers visited Paris and concluded an agreement with their French counterparts for the common defense of the French language.

Though officially the joint effort is directed against the Anglicizing of the French language—which is a problem in continental France no less than in Quebec—apparently the main task of this cooperative venture is to solidify French culture overseas from France, primarily in Quebec. Thus we may expect a new consolidated movement in this province, a movement supported by Paris for the benefit of the French language and civilization — for their greater influence.

This effort is bound to affect directly all non-French minorities in La Belle Province — first of all, our great Jewish community in Montreal. This Jewish community, the heaviest condensation of Jews in Canada, has been placed by historic events in an unenviable position between the militant French nationalism and English-Protestant resistance to the complete French cultural domination there. The Jews as such certainly are not involved in this cultural duel; yet individually every inhabitant of Quebec is.

As we have pointed out many times, it seems to us that the Jewish community ought, on the highest level of counsel, seriously discuss this problem. We believe there should be consideration of Jewish day schools where spirit be that of Old Israel and the language of secular instruction, French. A special conference dedicated to this problem is long overdue.

U.S.A. SAYS NO — IF

AID TO NASSER?

For some time now it has been clear that partisans of continued economic aid to Nasser would have their way in the United States. This year, opponents of aid without terms succeeded in putting up a very strong fight indeed. But they were out-weighed in the last instance by the combined forces of the State Department and some extremely influential figures in the Senate — including the chairman of its Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Fulbright.

The arguments against continued aid rest on the fact that during the past ten years, generous U.S.A. aid to the Egyptian dictator has allowed him to allocate a larger share of national resources to aggression, preparation for aggression and subversion than he could otherwise have done. Though it has been claimed that this aid would prevent him from moving closer to the Soviet Union, he has in fact done this both ideologically and in foreign affairs. In the Yemen, in the Congo, in South Arabia and in North Africa, Egypt has worked against the West and against stability. Had Nasser not been assured of food and credits from the United States and other Western countries, it is difficult to see how he would have been able to devote so much of his limited resources to armaments and subversion, to the cost of keeping his armies and puppet government in the Yemen.

Advocates of continued aid to Nasser argue that without U.S.A. aid things would have been worse still, that in spite of fierce words, Nasser has not in fact attacked Israel and the other matters between Nasser and the West will respond to patient negotiation in due course. Their case is that American aid gives America a foot in the door and an opportunity for exercising a restraining influence. Despite Nasser's bellicose words, they point to the fact that the Egypt-Israel situation has been kept on a more or less even keel.

The presence in Cairo this week of a high-powered Soviet military mission and the boast from Cairo of its production of a new supersonic jet fighter only serves to stress the urgent necessity of not allowing the money saved by generous American food assistance from being diverted to other and less humanitarian purposes. The fact that the status quo in the Middle East has been maintained is less a tribute to Nasser's good sense than his realisation, publicly expressed only a week ago, that the Arab States are not yet prepared for an adventure against Israel. But he left little doubt that preparation for a "war of liberation" remained high among his objectives.

Aid to Nasser has been a keystone of American Middle East policy for years, and it will apparently require far more drastic changes in the world scene and balance of U.S.A. political forces to change this. But opposition to these policies of appeasement has not been in vain. It has forced policy makers to justify their expedients in practical terms; it has served warning on all concerned that American patience is not inexhaustible. It has ensured that all aid to Nasser and the uses to which it is put will be subjected to more than usually close scrutiny.

It will have been made obvious to Egyptian observers in Washington that if Nasser continues to flout informed American opinion, not even the State Dept. will be able to keep up the flow of corn to Egypt. This situation should encourage American negotiators to impose more stringent conditions on their aid.

In the first place they are in a position to ensure that counterpart funds should be used for unexceptionable enterprises and not simply go to swell government revenue. Second, at a diplomatic level, the Americans must press Nasser to devote more energy and resources to economic development and limit his military expenditure. If the additional U.S.A. aid is merely reflected in a swollen military budget, while Nasser moves closer to Moscow in ideology, political structure and foreign policies, then the revolt against Washington's present policies is bound to be pressed with renewed vigour.

Arabs back from the promised land : Only a few rubles and old guns

letters to the editor

MOROCCO

Dear Editor:

As a former Moroccan Jew, I must compliment you for your positive story on the role of King Hassan (Canadian Jewish News, Dec. 10th).

I knew the King personally and I am not surprised that he takes a liberal attitude towards the Jewish community in Morocco, despite pressure from Nasser and his clique.

To this day, for an Arab country Morocco still is the center of a Jewish community which lives and prospers. And I must say I am proud of The Canadian Jewish News for not following the example of some press organs that cannot distinguish between one Arab country and another. To equate all Arab regimes is to play into the hands of the chauvinists. Most Arabs certainly would agree to recognize the Jewish State and live in peace with Israel were it not for the demagogues and politicians.

Montreal **David Benzaken**

English-Speaking Jews In Israel

CAN WE ADJUST OURSELVES TO NEW HOME?

by GERALD M. SMITH

For ten, twelve, fourteen, and even sixteen years, many of the British Jews who emigrated to Israel have stayed put in their homes and in their jobs in towns and cities and in country areas. And yet, they have retained their British way of life; they remain typically British.

In true British fashion they grumble and groan about the inadequacies of Israeli life, but they speak with pride about the young state and they are still imbued, if not with a Zionistic idealism of the early kubbutz days, with a feeling of loving to belong to a Jewish state all their own.

For two weeks recently, I toured Israel as a guest of the Hitachdut Olei Britannia, the Association of British Settlers in Israel, with the assistance of the Tel Aviv office of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, meeting British settlers, staying in their wonderfully hospitable homes and living with them a truly British-Israeli way of life. I learned of their problems in a way that no ordinary tourist would do. I learned too, of the fervent wish of them all for many more Jews from Britain to join them.

I discovered, most forcefully, that with very few exceptions, not one of them, despite hardships — for Israel is no land of milk and honey for the immigrant — wants to return to Britain. They all love Israel and its way of life. They feel, even in a state which is more secular than religious, a much truer affinity with the Jewishness which they say they did not find in their home towns.

Here, for them, Judaism is really a way of life; not just a life centered on the synagogue. For them, to be a Jew does not only mean eating gefilte fish, keeping kashrut and going to shool three days a year. For them there are no problems of whether or not to send their children to Jewish schools. They live, eat and breathe among Jews without noticing it — and they are grateful. Some are religious, others are not; but it does not seem to matter, as it may in Anglo-Jewry today.

Naturally, these British settlers have not found things easy since they arrived in Israel. From the time they stepped from the ship or aircraft bringing them to a strange land, life has not been without its frustrations and difficulties. In the past — things are a little easier today — they met a lack of understanding on the part of the Jewish Agency of the needs of people who have given up comfortable, sophisticated lives in Britain to come to swell the ranks of the Israelis.

They feel that the Jewish Agency should have a "westerner" in charge of British immigration so that many of the annoying pinpricks which affect their lives so much could be avoided.

One of the biggest problems facing an immigrant is the difficulty of finding three or four guarantors for bank loans arranged by the Jewish Agency to help the settlers buy flats in which to live.

"How can we find so many guarantors immediately we arrive in Israel, a time when many of us do not know a soul?", asked one member of the executive of the Hitachdut.

Shlomo Temkin, head of the Tel Aviv office of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, has found a partial answer to the problem. He has arranged for the Zionist Federation in London to find two guarantors for people before they leave Britain. But it has taken a long time even for this to come about, and it is no surprise that earlier many of the settlers felt aggrieved at finding themselves in an almost impossible situation when they arrived in Israel.

There were complaints in the early days (and it appears that this still happens at times) that when a man, who had been promised a job in Israel, arrived, perhaps in a development town such as Ashdod, he found that there was no work to suit his tastes or experience.

This is one of the main criticisms of Mrs. Eva Louvish, National Chairman of the Hitachdut Olei Britannia, who has been a Jerusalem resident for more than twelve years. She came from Britain and, with her husband, is very happy as an Israeli citizen, but she is not afraid to speak her mind about the failings of the "system". In her office in Jerusalem, she and Mrs. Sabel deal with many problems of new arrivals. Often they face the difficulty of finding accommodation for newcomers who have been told that a flat would be ready for them, but have nowhere to live because of building delays.

"The Zionist Federation office in Tel Aviv should do more to bring home to the Jewish Agency the mistakes that are being made in dealing with British aliya, "Mrs. Louvish told me. "The voice of the British Zionist Federation could be much more powerful. It was once," she added.

However, things are moving in the right direction. Mrs. Louvish and her H.O.B. colleagues have prepared a memorandum for the Jewish Agency, pointing out all the matters that must be put right. Perhaps with the recent visit to Britain of Mr. S. Z. Shragai, the head of the Jewish Agency's immigration department, the needs of British immigrants will be understood better.

Some of the hardest hit olim who have put up with hardship for many years — somewhat resignedly, I thought, are those who live in separate smallholdings on moshavim. I learned a lot during a weekend I spent among these people. Generally, these small farmers keep chickens and cows and grow oranges. But they are beset with difficulties brought about, strangely enough, by the great increase in Israeli agricultural development.

For example, as a result of a glut of chickens and eggs, the market prices of the first are too low and egg production is restricted by quota. These factors are hitting the farmers hard. Because of the egg quota in particular, they cannot increase their income from this source; this means they cannot provide themselves with a decent living.

Some are content; others grumble. Yet they would not return to Britain; nor would they exchange their jobs for city occupations.

One of these farmers combines two jobs. He is Chazan Meisels who at weekends goes to Jerusalem to officiate at the Central Synagogue, and during the week raises chickens and citrus.

In Natanya and Haifa, indeed in most of the towns I visited, I found the same answer to my question, "Why did you come to Israel?" Everyone believes that this is the only way to pursue a real Jewish life.

They have settled down. But to do so, most have had to adopt the maxim expressed to me by a former London resident in Natanya: "We have burned our boats. We realised that we could only settle down successfully, despite the obvious hardships, if we ceased having one foot in Israel and the other still in Britain."

The same has applied to those who now are helping to run the administrative side of kibbutzim peopled by immigrants from Britain. They are teaching newcomers to settle. But for the immense help given by H.O.B., many of these British immigrants, some of whom have been in Israel some fourteen to sixteen years, would have returned to Britain long ago.

It became obvious to me that those who have gone back, and the very few who today are saying "I want to go back to Britain", never would have settled down anywhere and never would have made a success in any part of the world.

To live in Israel today one does not need to be specially dedicated. One has to accept a different way of life while realising that in the long run the only person who can really help is oneself.

That is the secret. In fact, that is Israel.

tragedy in egypt

Disappearance Of Oldest Jewry Outside Holy Land

PARIS (JCNS) — The dwindling Jewish community of Egypt, now numbering only 2,500 (it was once 75,000 strong), was being further diminished by a new technique of harassment, according to a report to the American Jewish Committee's foreign affairs department by its European office here.

Concerning the report, based on interview with Jews recently arrived in Paris as well as with relief agency officials, about 150 Jews have left Egypt during the past three months. Some of them were expelled; others, apparently affected psychologically by these expulsions, decided to leave. Still others who had planned to leave for some time were able to do so only recently because of the shortage of shipping accommodation, which is always in short supply during the summer months. Of those who left, about 100 went to France.

Under the new Egyptian technique, says the A.J.C. report, papers given to expelled Jews differ from those usually carried by Jews who decide to leave voluntarily.

The usual documents simply say that the bearer cannot return to Egypt. Those of the expelled Jews now carry a stamp reading: "Must leave Egypt by..." with reference to a specific date. If they do not abide by the date, they are escorted to the port and kept there under arrest until they can secure a departure. But with the easing of the shipping shortage in winter, this is no longer necessary.

Recent arrivals from Egypt have confirmed that known patterns of the Egyptian attitude towards the Jews are continuing. However, there are no popular feelings against the Jews, despite diatribes against Israel, either by government officials or the Arab League.

"The pressure on Jews is as individuals," the report continues. In addition to expulsion, other harassments exist: government bodies and many naturalised industries will not employ Jews, while private employers are afraid to do so; Jewish businessmen live in constant fear that their businesses will be sequestrated; businesses dealing with the authorities (and all do) must use an Arab intermediary.

XMAS FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE JEWISH STATE

Some 5,000 Israeli Christians are due to cross into Jordan on December 24 to celebrate Christmas in the Old City and Bethlehem. Another 3,000 pilgrims are expected to join in two subsequent crossings for Christmas observances of the Eastern Church and Armenian communities.

The list of pilgrims — nearly a third more than last year — is still subject to the approval of the Jordanian authorities. The names have already been approved by the Israel Ministry of Interior.

The Ministry spokesman said that priority — as in previous years — has been given clergymen, elderly persons and those who have never made the pilgrimage before.

The pilgrims who cross on Friday, December 24 are to return the following Sunday.

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

THE EDIFICE COMPLEX

There is a thought-provoking tradition which tells that, when the Maccabees cleansed the Temple and found that its sacred furniture had been desecrated or destroyed by the pagan Syrians, they were compelled to make a substitute for the original golden Menorah.

So they fashioned one from wood. Later they covered it with tin. Years after, they made a more costly one from silver. And still later, when conditions allowed, they fashioned a new one from gold. But the interesting thing is that during the years of continued struggle they utilised a Menorah made of inferior metal.

Why then, it may be asked, did the Jews show concern about the purity of the oil for the lamp. We read how they were troubled because only a tiny quantity of holy oil existed at the time. Why all the concern since they could obtain unlimited quantities of ordinary oil for lighting the lamp? After all, in the absence of a gold Menorah they managed efficiently with one made from tin. Then surely, in the absence of consecrated oil they could have managed quite well with workaday oil!

But the answer emphasises the distinction between material and spiritual values, and indicates how we can find substitutes for the first but not for the second. The Menorah, after all, was only the material vehicle which carried the light. Though the Candlestick was originally made of gold, it was of secondary importance only, so that since there was no gold at the time then another material served the purpose equally as well.

The light, however, was a symbol of the eternal flame of the spiritual life, it represented a glowing faith in God, and the undying brilliance of Torah. This flame could burn properly only when it came from the pure oil, beaten and consecrated in accordance with the authentic teaching and instruction. The importance of the spiritual life rarely allows substitutes. We must beware of the fake which sometimes steals the place of the genuine thing in the minds of the people.

And the lesson has relevance to our religious community. It is certainly praiseworthy to create huge and costly synagogue buildings and it would be wrong to underestimate the value of the enthusiasm and the sacrifice which made them possible. But these are just the material vehicles; the building is like the Menorah. Its size and its cost is no indication of the spiritual life it carries. The Menorah could be made of tin.

Sometimes there is greater spiritual power in a tiny unadorned prayer-room than in the most elaborate and expensive building. We must not confuse the appearance of achievement with achievement. Who knows, perhaps the time is arriving when we must be strong enough to break away from the edifice complex which grips us. Let religious organisations come to closer grips with their real problems by working in the streets and in the fields building spiritual temples in the hearts of men.

GRADUATION EXERCISES TUESDAY

The annual graduation exercises of the Junior Day High School of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto will take place coming Tuesday, December 21st, 7:30 p.m., in the School Auditorium, 3630 Bathurst Street.

Greetings will be extended by Joseph Levine, president, Associated Hebrew Schools. Harold Dessen, chairman, Board of Education, will preside; Mrs. Balfoura Gordon, chairman, General Studies, also will participate.

Graduates will present a cantata conducted by Mrs. Varda Hall Bernstein.

Prizes and awards, made possible by generous donations and endowments to the school, will be distributed to students who have exceled in their studies. J. Barney Goldhar is chairman of the Committee on Scholarships and Awards.

Coleman Rotstein will deliver the valedictory address in Hebrew; Jeannette Pik, in English.

The School Band will present a number of sclections, under the direction of Mr. G. Yardley.

The following graduates will participate in a discussion on a biblical subject: Phyllis Gordon; Stephen Kahane; Eli Newman; Norman Ringel; Joseph Rotenberg; Joseph Shier.

Each graduate will receive a bible with his diploma.

On the Saturday morning (December 18th) prior to the graduation, graduates will conduct the Services in the Talmud Torah Synagogue; a kiddush will follow.

Graduates are Ellen Band, Ian Berg, Karl Brot, Morley Brown, Linda Colchary, Anat Danieli, Milton Davis, Annette Edelstein, Louis Fields, Leesa Finc, Marshall Garnick, Steven Goid, Marvin Goldstein, Phyllis Gordon, Mark Gottlieb, Neil Grafstein, Ronald Granofsky, Stephen Green, Janice Greenberg, Alan Greenspan, Mark Greenspan, Lorne Greenwald, Danny Henry, Seymour Herling, Barbara Hershenhorn, George Hofstedter, Aaron Jesin, Stephen Kahane, Evelyn Klein, Norman Kotler, Heidi Kranz, Daniel Kurtz, Philip Ladovsky, Martin Lockshin, Bryna Mandel, Robert Mandel, Martha Marx, David Midanik, Risa Miskin, Sidney Nestel, Eli Newman, Rebecca Jeanette Pik, Marshall Reiss, Norman Ringel, Myer Rosen, Passy Rosen, Pauline Rosenberg, Joseph Rotenberg, Coleman Rotstein, Anne Rubenstein, Irving Rubenstein, Marvin Rubenstein, Martin Schwartz, Charles Shidlowsky, Joseph Shier, Joy-Anne Shier, Bernie Shiner, Avrom Steinman, Robert Ulmer, Carol Weinbaum.

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Premiere Hanuka Concert

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder Street, Downsview, will tender a premiere Hanuka concert on Sunday evening, December 26th 8:30 p.m., at the synagogue. Cantor Zvee Aroni will be featured with the synagogue choir. An added pleasure will be provided by Cantor David Silverman of Minneapolis who will render cantorial selections.

The Jewish community is invited to attend. Admission is free.

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HANUKA PARTY

Toronto's Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Organization will tender a Hanuka rally on Sunday, December 26th, 6:30 p.m., at 86 Vaughan Road.

Installation of officers will take place. Guest speaker will be Rabbi S.M. Zambrowsky of Montreal, national chairman of Mizrachi.

F. Silverberg is cultural chairman; S.A. Abella, secretary.

LECTURE

A lecture in Yiddish was held Thursday, December 16th, at Beth Tzedec, by Mrs. Genia Silkes, on: The Longing of Jews for Judaism Around the World. Mrs. Silkes, hero of the Warsaw Ghetto underground and director of underground schools, now is representative of a ten-volume Yiddish dictionary. She also was director of the Historical Institute in Paris.

PARTY

Beth Tzedec's Men's Club will tender a Father-Children Hanukah party on Wednesday, December 22nd, 6:30, in the main banquet hall.

MEETING

Saturday, December 18th, 3:00 p.m., Beth Tzedec's Young Adult Congregation will have a meeting. Guest speaker will be Mr. Gabriel Lourie, Consul of Israel in Toronto.

CLUB MEET

Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg spoke on, The Vatican and the Jews, at the Men's Club Breakfast meeting at Beth Tzedec last Sunday, December 12th.

OFFICERS

Following are the officers of Beth Tzedec for 1965-66: Dr. Murray L. Simon, president; Dr. Nathan N. Levinne, chairman of Board; J. Barney Goldhar, first vice president; Irving D. Wintrob, second vice president; Max B. Nemoy, Q.C., parnos; Joseph Doran, gabbai; Harry Lewis, honorary secretary; Nathan O. Hurwich, treasurer; Sam Posluns, vice chairman of Board; Ellis I. Shapiro, immediate past president; Morris B. Kaufman, J. Irving Oelbaum, Albert Shifrin, Q.C., past presidents; Bert Godfrey, honorary president.

HANUKA PARTY

Adath Israel Brotherhood will sponsor the annual Hanuka party for children of the congregation and those of the congregational school on Sunday, December 19th, 11:00 a.m.

HANUKA EVENING

The Adult Study Committee of Adath Israel will tender a Hanuka evening on Thursday, December 23rd, 9:00 p.m.

SABBATH SERVICE

Cubs and scouts of Adath Israel will hold a Sabbath service on December 25th, 9:00 a.m. in the main sanctuary.

YOUTH SABBATH

Adath Israel Youth Sabbath will be held on January 1st, 1966. Members of the junior and youth congregation will serve as cantor, rabbi, gabboim, Torah reader.

ADULT EDUCATION PROJECT SUCCESSFUL

The first joint venture in adult education sponsored by all orthodox synagogues in Toronto filled a void in the community. The opening lecture by Prof. Marvin Fox on November 11th attracted about three-hundred people.

Weekly Wednesday night attendance has been gratifying. Various courses were offered in two sessions each Wednesday evening. Though some lectures explored difficult areas of Jewish learning, nevertheless each individual class had from thirty to sixty participants. They were not passive; they took notes and asked questions.

The second semester will begin on Wednesday evening, January 5th. First session (7:30 — 8:45 p.m.) will be devoted to a series of three lectures by Rabbi Dr. Walter Wurzburger. He will deal with basic theological questions such as the existence of God and the meaning of Revelation.

Rabbi Dr. N.L. Rabinovitch will conduct the second session (8:40 — 10:00 p.m.) wherein he will discuss contemporary problems in Halakha, including marriage and divorce, duties of parenthood and family planning, and education. Lectures take place at Torath Emeth; registrar is Rabbi S. Gold.

ROSENBERG WILL CHAIR CONFERENCE

Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg of Beth Tzedec Congregation will chair the first conference of Solomon Schecter Day Schools in North America, sponsored by the United Synagogue of America Commission on Jewish Education, on Sunday and Monday, December 26-27, in New York City.

The Day School Movement of the United Synagogue presently has twenty accredited schools in operation throughout the United States and Canada. Three thousand pupils are enrolled in kindergarten through junior high school grades.

Dr. Louis Finkelstein, Chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will deliver the keynote address. J. Barney Goldhar, chairman of the United Synagogue Day School of Toronto, will lead a session of lay leaders. Aaron Nussbaum, principal of the Day School, also will chair a meeting of educators.

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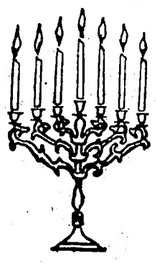

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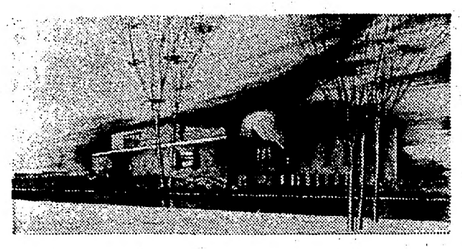

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The Chief Justice had maintained that "changes were made in elementary school reading books by a handful of agnostics who are trying to make children forget everything concerning religion and the existence of God."

At a press conference later, the Minister of Education said: "Readers had been revised along the suggested lines by religious authorities who found they mixed religion with 'magic' and 'fairy tales'. A third book in the series, dealt with by the Chief Justice, had 'been revised partially to eliminate a story that was found to be antisemitic'."

The Minister added that the changes "far from being the work of agnostics are the result of intervention by people especially charged by the bishops to deal with the question of catechism."

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MADDER 'N MAD. - Mrs. Cratchit (Jane Casson) tells husband Bob (Jay Shannon) and son Tiny Tim (Fraser Glen) what she'd do to Mr. Scrooge if he were there. Mr. Scrooge plays at Toronto's Crest Theater till Jan. 1st.

SWITCHED SIGNS. - Jeep driver George Montgomery and his lieutenant, James MacArthur, examine road-markers which have been reversed by German saboteurs in Battle of the Bulge, the Cinerama Production for Warner Bros. in Technicolor. Henry Fonda, Robert Shaw, Robert Ryan, Dana Andrews, Pier Angeli, Barbara Werle are among other stars in panoramic drama. The film, currently being heralded as the most realistic and outstanding account of World War II yet produced, will have its Canadian Premiere December 22nd at Toronto's Glendale Cinerama Theater.

the lively arts

by D. COHN

● Erland Josephson, 42, the Swedish-Jewish playwright, novelist and actor, has been appointed director of the Royal Dramatic Theater in Stockholm. He succeeds Ingmar Bergman in July.

Several of Josephson's plays have Jewish themes. His latest, The Last Days of Dr. Meyer, is the story of a Jewish recluse from central Europe who tries unsuccessfully to escape the spiritual consequences of persecution in Stockholm.

Josephson's uncle, Prof. Ragner Josephson, art historian, was head of the Royal Dramatic Theater fifteen years ago. Among his ancestors are Ludwig Josephson, dramatist, Jacob Axel Josephson, composer, Ernst Josephson, the painter. The family settled in Sweden in the eighteenth century.

● The Yiddish State Theater in Warsaw has opened its winter season with the production of I.L. Peretz' drama, Sisters. The dramatization of the play first produced in Lvov in 1940 is by Lipa Reznik, Soviet-Jewish producer. Music is by Shaul Berezevsky.

The play is produced in connection with the 200th anniversary of the modern theater in Poland.

● Soviet Jewish and non-Jewish writers and poets attended a memorial ceremony at the grave of Samuel Halkin in Novodevitch cemetery outside Moscow on the fifth anniversary of his death.

Halkin was one of the few Soviet Jewish poets to survive Stalin's purges, but he suffered for many years in a Russian concentration camp. He was released and rehabilitated after Stalin's death and spent his last years in Malachovka, a small town near Moscow.

● A. Belov, whose translations of Sholem Aleichem appeared in Neva, Leningrad's literary journal, referred there to Yiddish as a language which "used to be spoken". The journal printed Belov's translations of Sholem Aleichem's Letters of Menachem Mendels to his wife, which were first published in Yiddish in 1892. This is the first time they have appeared in the Russian language.

● Bimat Hakibbutz, the Kibbutz Theater, was founded by Kibbutzniks for kibbutzniks more than two years ago in Israel. It gives Israelis a chance to participate more actively. It is a permanent company with an artistic director, an administrative director and six consultants. They are aided by a 16-member repertoire committee consisting of kibbutz, writers, educationists and directors, whose function it is to recommend plays for production.

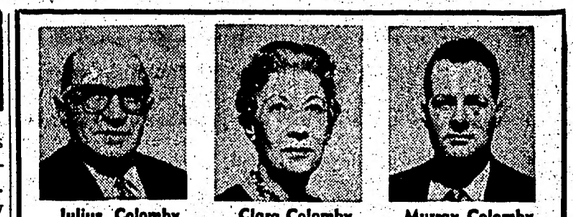
The director is appointed by the management; it is he who chooses the cast. Theoretically there is a large number of actors from which to choose. Every year the kibbutzim organize a course for amateur actors from within their ranks who thereafter constitute a reserve on which the director can call.

Those selected are released by their kibbutzim for six months. Rehearsals last ten weeks,. during which the cast stays at a kibbutz with a suitable hall and stage. Then, after the opening performance, the long grind begins. The company plays one-night stands in kibbutz after kibbutz.

The first play presented by Bimat Hakibbutz in October, 1963, was The Bicycle, by a member of the Bet Alfa, Natan Shaham, some of whose plays have been produced in the professional theater. A year later they presented Brecht's Man is Man. This month their third play is a joint effort by a number of kibbutz playwrights.

● Marlene Dietrich last week received the Medallion of Valour of the State of Israel at a dinner in Los Angeles. She received the award "in recognition of her courageous adherence to principle and consistent record of friendship for the Jewish people." Past recipients have been the poet Carl Sandburg, pianist Van Cliburn, violinist Isaac Stern, actor Edward G. Robinson, archaeologist and Rabbi Dr. Nelson Glueck.

Miss Dietrich will return to Israel next February for personal appearancces in Jerusalem and in Tel Aviv at the Mann Auditorium. She has been rejected by the ultra-chauvinistic elements of her homeland, who could not forget her determined, no, when Hitler and Goebbels urged her to return to Germany in 1933. She visited Israel for eight days in 1960.



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Jewish books, records, mezuzot and Magen Davids on silver chains already have been dispatched to the three Jewish chaplains in Vietnam for distribution among the men there. In addition, 500 battery-operated fans have been sent there at the request of a chaplain to bring some relief from the heat, humidity and insects.

Hanuka services will be conducted at bases in Korea, France, Germany, Turkey, North Africa, the Aleutian Islands, Guatanamo Bay in Cuba, the Dominican Republic, many Pacific Ocean outposts and wherever else Jewish personnel may be found.

WILL BE GIVEN TESTIMONIAL - Dr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Hurwich, former Torontonians now residing in Israel, who will be honored by Toronto's Labor Zionist Movement (Farband and Pioneer Women), Tuesday evening, December 21st, 6:00 P.M., at the Labor Zionist Center, 12 Viewmount Avenue. They are being honored for their many years of service to the Labor Zionist Movement.

Dr. Hurwich is past president of the LZM; his wife Rivke served as chairman of the Women's Division ofIsrael Bonds.

J. J. Zweig, Israel Bond chairman of the Labor Zionist Movement, is arranging the dinner for the Hurwich's who now are visiting in Toronto.

TENNIS GAMES POSTPONED

TEL-AVIV (JCNS) — The second Asian Junior Tennis Championships, scheduled to have begun in Ramat Gan, near here, last Friday, have been postponed until 1966 because of the slow response of the 21 countries invited to take part.

A second reason was the onset of Israel's rainy season, which precluded holding the tournament later in the winter.

Meanwhile the Israel Lawn Tennis Association has decided to send two youngsters to Miami Beach, Florida, to participate in the 18th annual world junior tennis championships, which begin there on December 19th.

Dateline: NEW YORK

By Trude Weiss-Rosmarin

the jewish book month

Jewish Book Month is upon us again, and thousands of synagogues, Jewish Centres and other organizations, especially women's groups, are mounting Jewish Book Fairs under the slogan of "A Jewish Library in Every Jewish Home."

But when the "successful" Jewish Book Month function is over and the sales are totted up there is little to cheer about. The Jew continues as the culture hero of the American literary market-place, but the average American Jew is still far from installing even a shelf of Jewish books in his home, never mind a Jewish library.

As for the best-sellers on Jews and Jewish themes, there is general agreement in Jewish book circles that Jews do not set the trend. James A. Michener's "The Source," the current fiction No. 1 best-seller, is being bought at the rate of about ten thousand a week. Belle Kaufman's "Up the Down Staircase," which has held the second place on the fiction best-seller list for some months, is said to ring up about eight thousand sales a week.

Few copies sold

By contrast, Rabbi Professor Abraham J. Heschel's "The Earth is the Lord" and "The Sabbath" (in a one-volume paperback edition) sold a total of 3,249 copies in 1963, according to the report of the Jewish Publication Society, in the American Jewish Year Book for 1965.

In the same year Dr. Louis Finkelstein's revised two-volume edition of "The Pharisees" sold 2,954 sets, and the paperback edition of the Montefiore and Loewe "A Rabbinic Anthology" sold 2,290 copies.

Even the new Jewish Publication Society translation of the Torah, which was a Book of the Month Club selection and was bought by thousands of Christian Bible students and clergymen, sold no more than some 112,000 copies in 1963, when it was published.

Significantly and sadly, the poorest sellers among J.P.S. books are the volumes in its "Covenant" series, which are aimed at the early teenage group. Thus, "Isaiah:: the Mighty Voice," by Miriam Gilbert, sold only 1,959 copies in 1963, the year of publication.

Nevertheless, the Jewish bookshops are doing well. The newly enlarged sale sfloor of the Bloch Publishing Company is always crowded.

There are 600,000 students in Jewish schools and about 100,000 barmitzvahs, batmitzvahs and confirmations a year, so there is a huge market for text-books and gift volumes. Gift "non-books" of large and impressive format are selling specially well.

Congregational libraries are another substantial source of demand for Jewish books. Virtually every congregation has now set aside a room or hall for this purpose. Although the majority of congregational libraries never are visited by the members, they are good customers of the Jewish book trade.

The break-even point for a hard-cover book here is generally about the 5,000 mark, and it may take years to sell that number in the case of a work which is neither a text-book nor a gift volume.

Many publishers, including some of the most reputable and respected firms, require some sort of guarantee from the authors of Jewish books they publish. In the case of rabbis — and a very large number of rabbis are authors as well — their congregations "order" 1,000 or even 2,000 copies before publication.

Other authors well connected with organizations manage to prevail upon this or that group to place a large advance order.

SLANDER DENOUNCED BY STATE DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON (JCNS) — The State Department officially has denied charges in a report of the Senate internal security sub-committee that certain Israeli diplomats were "espionage agents".

Among those mentioned in the report were: Eliahu Elath, Israel's first Ambassador to Washington who is now President of the Hebrew University; Teddy Kollek, a former Minister to the United States who is now mayor-designate of Jerusalem; the late Reuven Shiloah, who also held the rank of Minister; Meir Shalit, a First Secretary at the Israeli Embassy here.

The report was prepared by the committee's counsel, J. Sourwine, who alleged that Abba P. Schwartz, head of the State Department's bureau of-security and consular affairs, had an "admitted association" with these espionage agents".

It subsequently turned out that the whole story goes back to 1954 when Mr. Schwartz was special counsel for the inter-governmental Committee for European migration; he met the Israeli diplomats in the course of his work, in connection with their efforts to obtain aid for immigrants going to Israel.

A State Department spokesman denied not only the charges against the Israelis but also that Mr. Schwartz had any association with them other than social or professional. His connection with them had nothing to do with espionage or any illegal activites, the spokesman said, adding that the State Department had complete confidence in Mr. Schwartz, who holds his position there for the past three years.

Commenting editorially, the 'Washington Post" accused Mr. Sourwine of being "guilty of a shabby and substanceless innuendo that does wanton injury to an honourable public servant", and added: "He is guilty also of an ugly perversion of the congressional investigating power".

ARABS TOLD: NO!

WASHINGTON (JCNS) — A request by the Action Committee on American-Arab Relations for equal time to rebut a United States television discussion on the Arab-Israel conflict by Mr. Abba Eban, the Israeli Deputy Prime Minister, has been refused. Mr. Eban was the guest speaker on the "Open End" program of station WPIX in New York, and the committee based its request on the ground that only one side ofthe conflict was presented.

The United States Federal Communications Commission, refusing, stated that since the station continuously covers the Arab-Israel conflict it had not exceeded the "wide discretion afforded to it to make judgements in this area of broadcast journalism".

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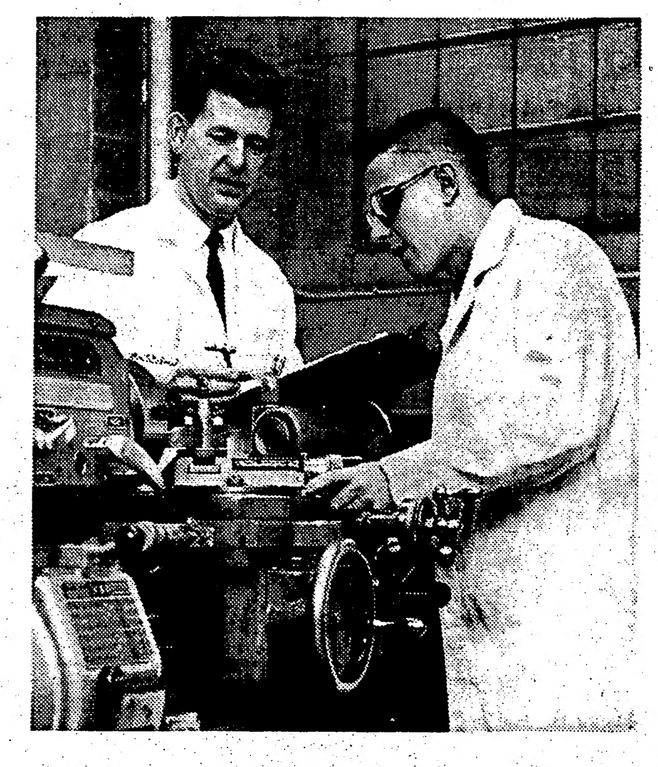

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STIRRING DRAMA AT O'KEEFE

Ray Milland, celebrated Hollywood star, will make his Broadway debut in Hostile Witness following its two-week engagement at O'Keefe Center, Monday January 3rd, through Saturday, January 15th.

The British courtroom thriller, which has been playing in London for more than a year, has been described by Variety as "an entertaining blend of laughs and tension". Mr. Milland plays a leading English barrister who suddenly finds himself accused of murder and is forced, step by step, toward the gallows by the steady accumulation of circumstantial evidence.

NEXT AT ROYAL — WHAT MAKES SAMMY RUN?

What Makes Sammy Run?, opening at the Royal Alex Monday, December 27th, stars the young and brilliant 26-year-old Sal Mineo.

Mineo won an Academy Award nomination for his portrayal of an Israeli terrorist in Exodus; two years ago he played a youthful Arab nationalist fighter with Yul Brynner in Escape from Zahrain.

Sal was born January 1, 1939, in New York City, son of Salvatore and Josephine Mineo, Italian immigrants. He was educated in New York. By the time he was seven years old, he was appearing on TV, primarily as a dancer. At age eleven, he was chosen for the role of Salvatore (his own name) in the Broadway production of The Rose Tattoo.

Later he worked in summer stock, then was signed to understudy the role of the crown prince in the Broadway production of The King And I. Later on he played the part.

HAY FEVER SEASON AT CREST

Noel Coward's Hay Fever opens January 5th at the Crest Theater. Last year it was revived under Coward's direction at the National Theater in London and immediately was a hit. Coward himself says he prefers Hay Fever to his other comedy, Private Lives; Tyrone Guthrie has described it as a classic of light comedy.

Coward conceived the idea for Hay Fever when he was a penniless unknown in New York; Laurette Taylor, the great actress, pitied him and entertained him in her exciting, hospitable, theatrical and slightly mad household. Hence Hay Fever revolves around a weekend spent with a theatrical family and the amusing and bizarre incidents that develop when unexpected guests keep turning up.

GLASS MENAGERIE CANADIAN PLAYERS' NEXT

Barbara Hamilton will play the role of Amanda in The Glass Managerie by Tennessee Williams, it was announced by Marigold Charlesworth, artistic director of Canadian Players. With sets and costumes by Mark Negin, the play goes into rehearsal this Friday and will open at Central Library Theatre on January 21st.

FRIGHTENED. - Barbara Bryne as Babette Biedermann in a scene from Canadian Players' production of The Firebugs by Max Frisch, at Toronto's Central Library Theater. The play has been directed by Richard Digby Day with settings and costumes by Mark Negin.

MECHANIC IN A HAPPY GROOVE

The Mechanic, at its Fraser Avenue address, is doing nicely during the weekends. To all indication, it is filling an important need till Jack Winter's new play comes on.

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"I'm not related at all".

"Then why do you cry?"

"That's why!"

SAMMY HERE AT LAST. - Sal Mineo, who plays Sammy Glick in, What Makes Sammy Run? It opens at Toronto's Royal Alexandra Theater Monday, December 27th, to Saturday, Jan. 8th.

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Patronnesses who extended greetings were: Mrs. Gabriel Lourie, wife of the Consul of Israel in Toronto; Mme. Pierre Morizot, wife of the Consul of France in Toronto; Mrs. Philip Givens, wife of the Mayor of Toronto.

TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

MEETING
The meeting in November of the Hebrew Weston Sanitarium Service Club was held at the home of Mrs. William Greenberg. Mrs. Hyman Halbert, president, presided.
Arrangements were made for a Hanuka visit to the hospital with gifts and cheer. Members also will visit the families of patients and distribute gifts to the children.
The treasurer reported results of the Patroness Tea.
MONTHLY MEET
The monthly meeting of Ner Israel Women's Auxiliary took place at the home of Mrs. M. Karoly, Mrs. E. H. Cooperman presided.
To celebrate Jewish Book Month, scenes were enacted from Ausebel's A Treasury of Jewish Folklore. The cast, directed by Mrs. A. Turin, consisted of Bais Yaacov girls, Libby Burak, Rivka Cziment, Aviva Weinberg, Rene Wurtzberger.
Mrs. D. Cohen, wife of the Yeshiva's executive director, became the newly elected recording secretary. Mrs. Cooperman introduced new members as well as guests, Mesdames Klein, Soltz and Sconfeld.
Tea will take place Sunday, March 13th; convenor is Mrs. B. Goodman; patroness convenor, Mrs. H. Botnick. Convention of the national PTA of Hebrew Day Schools will be held in Toronto on February 20-22, 1966; Mrs. J. Weinberg is convenor.
Co-convenors of an auction are Mesdames L. Korzen and W. Schwartz.
LUNCHEON
Menorah Chapter, Mizrachi Women, held a luncheon recently at the home of Mrs. I. Steinberg. The guest speaker, introduced by the president, Mrs. M. Weisbrod, was Mrs. E. Brown. Convenors of the luncheon were Mesdames F. Silverberg and H. Zemell.
A general meeting took place Monday, December 13th.
HANUKA PARTY
Beth Tzedec Sisterhood held a Hanuka party Monday evening, December 13 th. New members were guests. Convenors were Mesdames Harris Lindsay and Herbert Stein.
BOARD MEETING
Beth Jacob Synagogue Sisterhood held a board meeting recently at the home of Mrs. J. Berlin. Present were Mesdames H. Vogel, M. Burack, H. Goldman, W. Levy, J. Goldman, B. Singer, A. Angel, L. Waxman, M. Kates. Mrs. Harry Goldman presided.
Hanuka meeting was held on December 13th. A draw for the door prize held at the tea took place.
Blanche Schwarts is chairman, D. Freedman, co-chairman of the M'lava Malka which will take place during the middle of February.
REGULAR MEET
Minnie Etlin Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women, held a regular meeting at the home of Mrs. H. Katz recently. President, Mrs. J. Tarshis, presided. Mrs. K. Devor arranged for a rummage sale. Discussion was held as to ways of raising funds.
Next meeting, on December 15th, took place at the home of Mrs. J. Rockfeld.
Mrs. S. Blidner won the raffle given by the hostess. Refreshments were served.
TEA
A Hanuka tea and family social will be held Sunday, December 19th, 2 p.m.-10 p.m., in the Eitz Chaim School gymnasium, tendered by the Halboshath Arumim Society, Eitz Chaim School Ladies Auxiliary. The boys and girls choirs will entertain. Mrs. S. G. Saisberg is president.
MEETING
A meeting of the Etzion Chapter, Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi Women, was held recently in the home of Mrs. A. Figdor. Mrs. J. Lubotsky, president, presided.
A Hanuka party will be held on December 18th at the home of Mrs. C. Cohen. Convenors are Mesdames Ch. Cohen, S. Klingman, J. Lubotsky.
Mrs. Toby Price drew the winning numbers for the two raffles of the evening. Mrs. I. Reingewirtz won a lamp; Mrs. K. Price won dish towels donated by the hostess. Refreshments were served. Next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. M. Balinsky.
FUN FEST
A holiday fun fest, tendered by the Gold Star Organization, will be held on Wednesday, December 29th, 2:00 p.m., at Beth Emeth. Proceeds will further the education of the mentally retarded children. There will be entertainment.

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WEATHER IS A TOPIC SOMETIMES

By RUTHIE

NU, comes the time when talking about the weather isn't only a "filler". Last Saturday night was a lulu. And if you didn't stay home, your experiences must have been as crazy as mine.

NU? Oh, I just went for bagels. *Ess hut mir ferglisst (I wanted).* And it's not what you're thinking, so forget it.

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What do you do on Shabbos? Rest—if you can. Came Havdalah time, I was itching for some exercise. I figured, heck, the store is about seven blocks away. A brisk walk there and back should do me some good. And those hot bagels would be *tahm genayden* (taste of heaven).

Of course, if you're supposed to be on a diet, consuming all those calories is no help. But who cares? For once in my life I'd be reckless. Anyhow, I've already made peace with myself. I've finally come to the conclusion that, come heaven or high water, that's the way I am—I accept myself; may as well have some fun on this earth. If a bagel, so cheap, can make me happy, why not?

So I went despite the rain. My family thought nothing of it since they know my penchant for walking when it pours.

* * *

I marched out of the house. But with my mind somewhere in the clouds, it took me several steps across the lawn to realize I was mincing along.

"Gosh, I'd better stick to the sidewalks," and I dismissed any further thought on the matter.

I reached the shop alright. But going home? How walking became so treacherous in so short a time will remain a mystery to me.

All of a sudden it dawned upon me that I should have used ice skates. The streets were sheets of glass. Cars, bold enough to be out, were careening from side to side.

Ice skates? Me? That's a laugh. And I'm sure my children would howl at the thought.

Because Mama never allowed it. Why, I was ten years old before she consented to let me have roller skates. She was always afraid I'd fall on my fanny and hurt myself. And if I did fall? I had enough blubber to cushion myself.

I vowed that my kids would go in for every kind of sport.

Anyway, getting back to "bagel night". How I made it home I'll never know. I was praying I'd have the strength to get off the main street onto some lawn. That was one time walking in mud paid off. Laden with a big bag of assorted bagels—plus cake (who could resist?) —, I couldn't even balance myself.

When I had to cross a street, getting off the curb presented a bigger problem than I don't know what. I promised God I'd never say one word of *lushen hurra* (gossip), never do a mean thing again, if he got me home safely. All I wanted for Hanuka was my wonderful, ornery family.

At one point I slid sidewards along an inclined driveway. The next driveway I came to, I turned at an angle. Might as well cooperate with gravity.

Another driveway seemed impossible to cross. After all, I'm not a high jumper. But the Almighty does things in his own marvelous, unquestionable way.

Standing in front of that driveway was a Ford that had seen better days. Well, nothing ever looked so good to me. Glassy as it felt, I had something to lean against crossing the path. I patted it so tenderly.

"Good old car, nice old car. You're saving my life."

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Let it never be said I don't have a sense of humor. Practically at my house the thought hit me, "Won't it be funny if I fall flat on my face right at my own front door?"

Perish the thought!

Whew! I made it.

The bagels? Only when I got into the house did I realize how tenaciously I held onto that bundle. And I'm not sorry I went for them. They *derqvicked* (revived) us all.

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CHRISTIAN ACTS FOR TRUTH

WASHINGTON (JCNS) — Edward P. Hunt, a non-Jewish employee of the United States Defence Department in Libya, has been dismissed from his government job because he refused to sign an undertaking not to travel to Israel.

Mr. Hunt, a Catholic, refused both on religious grounds and because he regarded it as being antisemitic. He is back now in the U.S., having returned at his own expense.

Congressman Richard S. Schweiker, who revealed the case at a press conference here, said he had protested to the Secretary of Defence, Mr. Robert Mc Namara, against Mr. Hunt's dismissal.

"It is absolutely outrageous for any agency of the U.S. Government to fire an employee because he refuses to sign a declaration which he feels is antisemitic," Mr. Schweiker told the press.

Following Schweiker's protest, Hunt was given a technical reinstatement with back pay and reimbursement of his travel costs, although his recall was not cancelled.

A replacement for Hunt already has been sent to Wheelus Air Base in Libya; it also has been indicated that the Department will continue its policy of requiring U.S. employees engaged for service in Arab countries to comply with Arab demands against travel to Israel.

Mr. Hunt, it was announced, had refused to sign, insisting that as an American citizen he should be permitted to work at any U.S. installation abroad without having to sign anti-Israel statements.

"Due to my deep religious convictions concerning the Hebrew faith," he told his superiors in the Defence Department, "I cannot, in conscience sign any statement contrary to my beliefs." He then was informed by Brigadier-General John D. Hines, commanding general of the U.S. Exchange Service at Nuremberg, that he was dismissed.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Hanuka, the festival commemorating the restoration of freedom of worship and freedom from oppression through a brilliant military victory, is rich in custom. It is a time of merriment, for exchanging gifts, for special songs, for children's games.

By the time of the Middle Ages, the custom of eating foods with cheese was observed. The explanation connects the story of Judith (Book of Judith in the Apocrypha) with Hanuka. As the legend goes, Judith, beautiful widow of the town of Bethulia, fed Holofernes, leader of the invading army, cheese-cakes that made him so thirsty he drank too much wine, fell asleep and was beheaded by her. Delicacies made of cheese still are served in many homes. But the prevailing custom is to serve latkes, especially made of buckwheat or potatoes. Supposedly latkes gradually replaced the cheesecakes of the Middle Ages. Roast goose, according to tradition, also is served, perhaps because goose is at its best during this festival.

POTATO LATKES

5 medium-sized potatoes
2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1½ teaspoons salt
¼ teaspoon black pepper
2 tablespoons grated onion (optional)
4 eggs, beaten light and thick
chicken or goose fat, or vegetable shortening.

Peel the potatoes and grate on a medium-fine grater. Place in a fine sieve and press out as much liquid as possible. Measure the pulp. If it does not measure 4 cups, prepare more potato until the correct amount is reached. Add flour, salt, pepper and the onion if it is used. Fold the eggs into the batter. Melt enough shortening on a large pancake griddle to cover the bottom to the depth of ¼ inch. Heat until a drop of batter causes the fat to sizzle. Turn the heat to medium. Drop a tablespoon of batter into the fat, and press the batter with a pancake turner to a thin pancake. Prepare as many pancakes as the griddle will hold. Cook until the bottom is a deep, rich brown. Turn over and brown the other side. Total cooking time is about 10 minutes. Keep cooked pancakes hot while the rest of the batter is frying, by transferring them to a shallow pan lined with brown paper, and placing them in a very cool oven, 250 degrees. Fry the remaining batter, and add more shortening as necessary to keep the depth always ¼ inch. This makes 15 pancakes. Serve with applesauce. Potato latkes also are served with Sauerbraten.

U.N. TROOPS STAY IN GAZA

TEL AVIV. — Israel opposes any move to evacuate the United Nations Emergency Force (Unef) from the Egyption side of the Sinai border, the U.N. secretariat has been informed.

The proposed curtainment of the force is being studied by a group appointed by the U.N. secretary-general, U Thant, because of a shortage of funds.

The view put forward by Israel is that the presence of Unef is a factor in the prevention of border incidents. Egypt is also reported to have expressed opposition to the withdrawal of Unef.

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PROPOSAL REJECTED

JERUSALEM. — A demand by the New Communist Party that the Knesset should come out in favour of the nuclear demilitarisation of the Middle East was rejected by an overwhelming majority in the House on Tuesday.

Mr. Meir Wilner had moved a motion in these terms for the agenda because of the publication by the British Institute for Strategic Studies of a report crediting Israel with being able to produce one atomic bomb a year in its Dimona reactor.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Abba Eban, replying for the Government, said that the institute was an unofficial body and its speculations did not bind anyone to anything. No other country mentioned in the report had bothered to react.

The motion was removed from the agenda after only the two Communist factions and Mr. Uri Avneri had voted for it. Mapam which is negotiating to enter the Government, abstained.

THEY EMULATE US. - It is common knowledge that working Jews the world over are united in unions and organizations for the benefit of the masses. The above photo depicts a small part of the 200 members who registered at the first meeting of the newly formed Italian-Canadian Hairdressers Association held recently in Toronto.
Their purpose, like that of their Jewish neighbors, is to dignify the profession and bring it to a high level of competency thereby providing the hairdresser with a sense of satisfaction, placing him on an equal status with others and, finally, putting Canadian women among the most attractive in the world.
Vernon Singer, popular Toronto MP, was guest of honor at the meeting. Rocky Lofranco was unanimously appointed president. And who else but a nice Jewish lawyer like Norman Biback would be selected to hold reins on the legal side of the fence?

NISSIM WON'T SEE PAULS

JERUSALEM, (JCNS) Rabbi Itzhak Nissim, the Sephardi Chief Rabbi of Israel, has refused repeated requests from the Foreign Ministry and high officials at other ministries to receive Dr. Rolf Pauls, the West German Ambassador to Israel.

Last week, Dr. Pauls paid a courtesy visit to the Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi, Rabbi Isser Unterman.

Sources close to Rabbi Nissim said that the Chief Rabbi had received many requests to meet Dr. Pauls. They said it used to be normal practice for all new Ambassadors to visit the two Chief Rabbis, but this was dropped five years ago and Rabbi Nissim saw no reason to revive the practice just for the German envoy.

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